Supply of Kerosene to Orissa

2941. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual demand and supply position of kerosene in Orissa as on March 31. 1991 and June 30, 1991; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the demand of kerosene in Orissa on a long-term basis?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Kersosene allocation to all States/UTs are made on a historical basis subject to the availability of the product. 12, 249 and 11, 960 tonnes of kerosene were supplied to Orissa during March and June, 1991 respectively.

Supply of Natural Gas to Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation

2942. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has any plan to supply natural gas free of cost for a few months to Visakhapatnam refinery for being compressed as fuel to be supplied to the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation buses as is being done in the case of the Cholam Transport Corporation of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). No, Sir. No demand in this respect has been received by Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) from either Visakhapatnam refineries or from Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation.

Container Depot at Vijayawada

2943. SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Inland container Depot at Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Rural Electrification in Delhi

2944. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified and unelectrified villages in Delhi;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard during 1991-92;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to provide electricity in the remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). According to DESU, all villages in the Union Territory of Delhi as per 1981 Census, are already electrified. No formal survey has been conducted by DESU in this regard during 1991-92.

Vayudoot service to Uttarkhand region, U.P.

2945. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link some more places in Uttar Pradesh by the Vayudoot service;

(b) if so, whether the Uttarkhand region is also proposed to be included therein;

(c) if so, the names of places to be linked; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). For commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot has been forced to reduce its network drastically in various States of the country. There is no proposal to extend the services of Vayudoot.

Air Taxi Service to Uttranchal Region of U.P.

2946. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce air taxi service in Uttranchal region of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of weekly flights proposed to be operated?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air Taxi services are run by private operators and they can operate to all the airports open to scheduled operations in the country. There is no need for them to take the approval of the Government to operate any particular route.

Expansion of Hathras Qilah Station

2947. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the Hathras Qilah railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Facilities available at Hathras Qilah are adequate as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with which is meagre.

New Petrol, Diesel Retail Outlets in Aligarh District

2948. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new petrol/diesel pumps in the Aligarh District of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of places selected for this purpose and the time by which these are likely to be set up?